Statement

List of Newspapers Ceased during 1990

Tamil Nadu

1. Hotal Thozhilali
2. Yly Digest of Criminal Cases.
3. Yly Digest of Indian and Select English Cases.

Kerala

1. Parishad Vartha.

Delhi

1. Chakrawarthy.
2. Caravan.
3. Bhakti Pravah.
4. Vanijya Nirdesika.
5. Hindi Star.
6. Ujjawal Bharati.
7. Weat D.L.F.

Cut in Domestic Supply of Maruti Cars

788. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Maruti Udyog Limited has cut down domestic supply of Maruti Cars;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for reducing domestic supply of Maruti Cars; and

(c) what is the demand of Maruti Cars in dometic market and what is the supply in the domestic market at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The reduction in domestic supply of Maruti 800 cars is on account of substantially higher exports during 1991-92.

(c) The demand of Maruti 800 cars in domestic market is much more than supply. The number of pending orders is about 11,350 as of end June, 1991. The actual supply for the months of April, May and June, 1991 is 4313, 4404 and 4767 respectively.

Applications for manufacturing liquor, beer and potable alcohol

789. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) how many applications have been cleared in last six months for manufacturing of liquor, beer and potable alcohol;

(b) what are the reasons for speeding up of the approvals of applications lying for last three years for manufacturing liquor, beer etc.; and

(c) what are the details of the applications cleared by the Ministry in last six months?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) to (c) Views of the Ministry of Food Processing Industries in respect of 703 applications for manufacture of beer and 78 applications for manufacture of potable alcohol from non-molasses base have been forwarded to the secretariat for Industrial Approvals during the last six months. As per available information only one Letter of Intent for manufacture of 1000 KL of country liquor from cashew fruit at Sindhudurg in the State of Maharashtra has been issued during the last six months.

Aircraft destroyed in accidents

790. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of aircraft destroyed in accidents during the last three years, yearwise; and

(b) what are the reasons for such accidents and the action taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) The number of IAF aircraft destroyed in accidents is as follows:—

1988-89	..	32
1989-90	..	31
1990-91	..	23

(b) The three major reasons for aircraft accidents are technical defects, human errors and bird strikes. Effort to minimise accidents is an ongoing process. Every accident is investigated by a Court of Inquiry and follow up action is taken on the recommendations of the Court. Whenever causes of technical failures are established, remedial measures are taken in consultation with the manufacturers and, if required, suitable modifications are introduced. For minimising human error, training procedures and syllabi are under constant review. The problem of bird hazard is being tackled in coordination with State Governments/Local Bodies to ensure clean environment in and around IAF airfields.

Action on the various recommendations of a high level Committee which examined all aspects of Flight Safety, accepted by the Government, has been completed.

Failure of Pepsi Foods Limited to fulfil obligations

791. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pepsi Foods Limited of Punjab has failed to fulfil its obligations;

(b) what were the conditions when the application of the Pepsi Foods Limited was cleared by Government;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Pepsi Foods Limited has failed its commitment of exports; and

(d) what was the amount of employment generated by Pepsi Foods Limited in Punjab?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) to (d) M/s. Punjab Agro Industries Corporation were granted a letter of intent on 19th/29th September, 1988 (subsequently transferred to M/s. Pepsi Foods Pvt. Ltd.) for the manufacture of items and the capacities indicated therein, subject to the following special conditions in addition to the normal conditions attached to letter of intent:—

(i) The turnover from soft drink concentrate manufacturing shall in no year exceed 25 per cent of the total turn-over of the company for that year.

(ii) The project shall export 50 percent of its total turnover each year for a period of ten years from the commencement of commercial production of which 40 per cent will be from the company's own manufactured products and 10 per cent from 'Select List' products manufactured by others. The foreign exchange inflow shall not be less than 5 times the foreign exchange outflow of the project during the aforementioned ten year period.

(iii) There shall be no import of proprietory ingradients to manufacture soft drink concentrates and the raw materials available within the country shall be used to the maximum extent possible. The import of any raw-meterial and chemical that are not available indigenously shall be regulated by the Import Policy in force from time to time and no special import concessions shall be allowed.

(iv) Foreign brand names shall not be allowed to be used on domestic sales.